

"A very good sorrel from the Atlas region of Algeria." (Trabut.)

"The leaves are often used as a vegetable." (Dragendorff, *Die Heilpflanzen*, p. 190.)

Saccharum officinarum (Poaceae), 55501. **Sugar cane.** From Nanchien, Yunnan, China. Cuttings collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. "(Nanchien, Yunnan. April 27, 1922.) The cane is erect, tall, of a uniform reddish yellow color, and very juicy and sweet. It is cultivated throughout the central portion of Yunnan south of Menghwa, and also near Puerhfu in southern Yunnan; it is grown at an altitude of 5,000 to 6,000 feet and even higher. The region is very dry, and arid mountains form the slopes of the valleys." (Rock.)

Salpichroa rhomboidea (Solanaceae), 55478. From Buenos Aires, Argentina. Seeds presented by Sr. Benito Carrasco, director, Botanic Garden. Introduced for use in tomato-breeding experiments.

An ornamental relative of the tomato, with white flowers and edible, white, transparent berries which resemble the pineapple in flavor. Because of its attractive appearance and creeping habit it is very effective for covering bare places. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 35, p. 367.)

Severinia buxifolia (Rutaceae), 55495. From Buitenzorg, Java. Seeds presented by the director, Botanic Garden. A much-branched, thorny shrub which is not uncommon in southern China and French Indo-China; it has oval, shiny green leaves, axillary clusters of small white flowers, and small berrylike fruits which become very dark red or nearly black. In Louisiana this handsome shrub has proved useful for hedges, especially the forms which have thorns 2 or 3 inches long; furthermore, it is easily propagated from cuttings. Experiments have shown that *Severinia* can withstand unusually large amounts of salt in the soil, and it may prove of interest as a stock for citrus fruits in regions having alkali in the soil or salty irrigation water. (Adapted from Swingle, *Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences*, vol. 6, p. 651.)

Solanum tuberosum (Solanaceae), 55557 and 55558. **Potato.** From Ibarra, Ecuador. Seeds presented by Sr. don Jose Felix Tamayo. Seeds obtained for the use of